

[or] and SEQ ID NO:24.

8. (twice amended) The cell according to claim 7, which is a stable transfected cell line that expresses a steroid receptor protein [according to any of the claims 9 to 11] encoded by DNA according to claims 1 or 4.

12. (amended three times) A DNA that encodes a chimeric protein, which protein has an N-terminal domain, a DNA-binding domain, and a ligand-binding domain, wherein at least one of said domains of said chimeric protein originates from a protein [as described in claim 1] comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:21 and SEQ ID NO:25, and at least one of the other domains of said chimeric protein originates from [another receptor] a protein from the nuclear receptor superfamily,

provided that the DNA-binding domain and the ligand-binding domain of said chimeric protein originate from different proteins.

Please add new claim 19:

19. The cell according to claim 7, which is a stable transfected cell line that expresses a steroid receptor protein encoded by DNA according to claim 12.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 12 and 14 - 18 are pending. Claims 1 - 8, 12, and 15 - 17 were rejected. Claims 9 - 11, 14 and 18 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 4 - 5, 8 and 12 are amended hereby. Claims 4 - 5 were amended to correct claim form. Claim 8 was amended to correct claim dependency. New claim 19 has been added. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the present application in view of the above amendments and following